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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: POPE'S MESSAGE TO ASIAN PEOPLE

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MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN ENGLISH ((TENTATIVE)) AT 0855 GMT ON 21
FEBRUARY CARRIES A 35-MINUTE LIVE BROADCAST OF POPE JOHN PAUL II'S

JOURNEY TO ASIA IS "MEANT TO BE A JOURNEY OF BROTHERHOOD IN FULFILLMENT OF A MISSION THAT IS ENTIRELY RELIGIOUS." BUT, HE CONTINUES, "I HAVE ALSO COME WITH THE DESIRE OF BEING ABLE IN THE FUTURE TO TRAVEL TO OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES IN ORDER PERSONALLY TO CONVEY TO THEM TOO MY SENTIMENTS OF DEEP RESPECT AND ESTEEM." MEANTIME, HE IS SENDING TO THE PEOPLE OF ASIA A MESSAGE OF HOPE OVER RADIO VERITAS. HE DOES NOT ADDRESS THEM "AS A STATESMAN BUT AS A SERVANT AND APOSTLE OF JESUS CHRIST."

THE POPE THEN DISCUSSES THE RELIGIONS OF ASIA, MENTIONING HINDUISM, BUDDHISM AND ISLAM. HE NOTES, "THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ACCEPTS THE TRUTH AND GOODNESS FOUND IN THESE RELIGIONS, AND SHE SEES REFLECTIONS THERE OF THE TRUTH OF CHRIST, WHOM SHE PROCLAIMS AS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. SHE WISHES TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER BELIEVERS IN PREFERRING ALL THAT IS GOOD IN THEIR RELIGIONS AND CULTURES, STRESSING THE THINGS THAT ARE HELD IN COMMON AND HELPING ALL PEOPLE TO LIVE AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS."

THE CHURCH, HE SAYS, "EXPERIENCES A PROFOUND NEED TO ENTER INTO CONTACT AND DIALOGUE WITH ALL THESE RELIGIONS. SHE PAYS HOMAGE TO THE MANY MORAL VALUES CONTAINED IN THESE RELIGIONS AS WELL AS TO THE POTENTIAL FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING WHICH SO DEEPLY MARKS THE TRADITIONS AND THE CULTURES OF WHOLE SOCIETIES." HE ALSO CALLS FOR GREATER UNITY BETWEEN CATHOLICS AND OTHER CHRISTIANS, TO BRING ABOUT A MORE JUST AND PEACEFUL SOCIETY.

THE POPE THEN SPEAKS ON THE PROBLEMS FACING ASIA, CITING ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND THE NEED FOR MORE RAPID AND WHOLESOME DEVELOPMENT PREOCCUPYING THE LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF ASIA. HUNGER, LACK OF DECENT HOUSING, HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES WERE STILL COMMON. ALTHOUGH MUCH HAD BEEN DONE, "THE RESULTS HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN SATISFACTORY. IN SOME AREAS ECONOMIC PROGRESS HAS NOT BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE. SOMETIMES IN FACT IT WAS UNFORTUNATELY OBSCURE, IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL VALUES."

SITUATION. FOR INSTANCE, THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD HAD SOMETIMES CAUSED DISORGANIZATION OF THE "STRUCTURES AND POSSIBILITIES" OF THE LESS-ADVANCED NATIONS. EVERY NATION MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ASIA "IN TRUE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY." THE DECISIONS MUST BE TAKEN AND THE STRUCTURES CREATED FOR THIS SOLIDARITY. DEVELOPMENT ITSELF MUST BE PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD. "DEVELOPMENT IS NOT A STATE OF THINGS ACHIEVED ONCE AND FOR ALL. DEVELOPMENT IS A LONG PROCESS, DIFFICULT AND UNCERTAIN AT TIMES, WHEREBY EACH NATION ASSUMES THE MANAGEMENT OF ITS OWN AFFAIRS AND OBTAINS THE MEANS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES HAVE FULL CHANCES OF EXISTENCE AND GROWTH. TRUE DEVELOPMENT DEPENDS ON THE PERSONAL COMMITMENT OF THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT COMPOSE THE COMMUNITY. STRUCTURES ARE CERTAINLY IMPORTANT, BUT THEY CAN EITHER SUPPORT OR DESTROY PEOPLE. STRUCTURES MUST THEREFORE ALWAYS BE PUT AT THE SERVICE OF MEN." THE POPE STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF "CREATING WORTHY EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL" AND OF A TRUE UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE OF WORK.

THE POPE THEN EXPRESSES HIS SADNESS AT THE THOUGHT OF THE MANY PARTS OF ASIA WHICH WERE STILL NOT AT PEACE AND WHERE WEAPONS ALONE WERE REGARDED AS SECURITY. "I SHALL NOT CEASE TO RAISE MY VOICE TO PLEAD FOR PEACE, AS I HAVE CONSTANTLY DONE IN PUBLIC APPEALS AND IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE LEADERS OF WORLD, SO NOW AGAIN I RESEECH EACH AND EVERYONE TO RESPECT THE VALUES AND THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLES AND NATIONS."

NEARING THE END OF HIS ADDRESS, THE POPE SAYS: "THE CHURCH HAS NO WORLDLY DESIGNS, NO POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC AMBITIONS. SHE WANTS TO BE IN ASIA AS IN EVERY OTHER PART OF THE WORLD. THE SIGN OF THE MERCIFUL LOVE OF GOD, OUR COMMON FATHER." CATHOLICS AND CHRISTIANS SHOULD ALL WORK TOGETHER WITH OTHERS FOR THE GOOD OF THEIR SOCIETIES. "THE CHURCH DOES NOT CLAIM ANY PRIVILEGES. SHE WANTS ONLY TO BE FREE AND UNIMPAIRED IN PURSUING HER OWN MISSION."

IN THE LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF MOST OF THE NATIONS; MAY IT EFFECTIVELY
GUARANTEE TO ALL THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE
FREE AND PUBLIC PROFESSION OF THEIR FAITH AND THEIR RELIGIOUS
CONVICTIONS; AND IT ALSO ENTAILS FOR THE CHURCH THE POSSIBILITY
OF FREELY ESTABLISHING EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE PROGRAMS
AND INSTITUTIONS, MOREOVER THESE ACTIVITIES WILL BENEFIT THE
INTERESTS OF SOCIETY AS A WHOLE."

THE POPE CONCLUDES WITH A TRIBUTE TO THE MANY WHO HAD DIED FOR THEIR
FAITH IN ASIA; AND A PRAYER FOR THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLE OF THE
CONTINENT.

NO FURTHER PROCESSING PLANNED;

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